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SUBJECT: KUWAITI CONCERN OVER AIRCRAFT SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

DURING A RECENT ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS MINISTERS,
THE CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLA,
AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER SHAIKH SALEM SABAH AL-SABAH,
RAISED WITH ME THEIR CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT
CONGRESS MIGHT NOT APPROVE THE SALE OF F-15 AIRCRAFT
TO SAUDI ARABIA. THE LATTER WAS PARTICULARLY PESSIMISTIC
OVER THE POSSIBILITY FOR APPROVAL. I EXPLAINED THAT WHAT
WAS CALLED FOR FROM THE CONGRESS WAS NOT APPROVAL, BUT
EITHER NO OBJECTION OR DISAPPROVAL, AND THE LATTER HAD TO
BE REGISTERED BY BOTH HOUSES IN ORDER FOR THE SALE TO
BE CANCELLED. THE CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER MADE
A PARTICULAR PLEA AT THE END OF HIS MEETING WITH ME
THAT THE U.S. NOT "IGNORE ITS FRIENDS".
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